SENATE BILL 4153

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, relative to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-222(c), is amended by deleting the language in subdivision (1) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) In the event that an employee of a health care facility or an inpatient mental health facility licensed under Title 33, a student studying at such health care facility or inpatient mental health facility licensed under Title 33 or other care provider that renders services at such healthcare facility or inpatient mental health facility licensed under Title 33 is exposed to the blood or other body fluid of a patient, such facility may require that patient's blood to be tested for the presence of the hepatitis B virus and the HIV/AIDS virus.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.